

PART I

Section 1. Letter of Invitation

TSP-06/Multisector /HPSDP
Shimla, 30 October 2018

To:

1. Noble Institute for Premier Studies and Technology Limited.
 2. Centum Foundation.
 3. Focal Skill Development Pvt. Ltd.
 4. Innovation Basal Management Pvt. Ltd.
 5. Lord Ganesha Institute of Management and Technology.
 6. Bridge Point Skills & Network Pvt. Ltd.
1. The Government of India hereinafter called *Borrower* has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (the “Bank”) in the form of a *loan* toward the cost of Himachal Pradesh Skill Development Project. The Himachal Pradesh Kaushal Vikas Nigam (HPKVN), an implementing agency of the *Borrower*, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this *loan* to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Proposals is issued. Payments by the Bank will be made only at the request of the Government of India and upon approval by the Bank, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the *loan* agreement. The *loan* agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the *loan* account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of the Bank, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than the *Borrower* shall derive any rights from the *loan* agreement or have any claims to the proceeds of the *loan*.

The Client now invites proposals to provide the following consulting services (hereinafter called “Services”): TSPs for training 2000 unemployed youth in (i) Tourism & Hospitality and (ii) Telecom sectors.

2. This Request for Proposals (RFP) has been addressed to the following shortlisted Consultants:

S.no	Name of the Training Support Partners	Country	Lead or JV firm
1	Noble Institute For Premier Studies And Technology Limited.	India	Lead
2	Centum Foundation	India	Lead
3	Focal Skill Development Pvt. Ltd	India	Lead
4	Innovation Basal Management Pvt. Ltd	India	Lead
5	Lord Ganesha Institute of Management and	India	Lead

	Technology		
6	Bridge Point Skills & Network Pvt. Ltd.	India	Lead

3. It is not permissible to transfer this invitation to any other firm, such as Consultant's parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliates. The Client will reject a Proposal if the Consultant drops a JV partner without the Client's prior consent, which is given only in exceptional circumstances, such as debarment of the JV partner or occurrence of Force Majeure.
4. A firm will be selected under **Fixed cost based selection** procedures and in a Simplified Technical Proposal (STP) format as described in this RFP, in accordance with the policies of the Bank detailed in the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers – which can be found at the following website: www.adb.org.
5. The RFP includes the following documents:
 - Section 1 - Letter of Invitation
 - Section 2 - Instructions to Consultants, Data Sheet, Summary and Personnel Evaluation Forms, and Grounds for Disqualification of the Experts
 - Section 3 - Technical Proposal (STP) - Standard Forms
 - Section 4 - Financial Proposal - Standard Forms
 - Section 5 – Eligible Countries
 - Section 6 – Bank's Policy – Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices
 - Section 7 - Terms of Reference
 - Section 8 - Standard Forms of Contract (Time-Based)
6. Please inform us by **1st November 2018**, in writing at **Managing Director, HPKVN**, by E-mail: hpkvnshimla@gmail.com
 - (a) whether you intend to submit a proposal or not and, if affirmative
 - (b) whether you intend to enhance your experience by requesting permission to associate with other firm(s) (if permissible under Section 2, Instructions to Consultants (ITC), Data Sheet 14.1.1).
7. Details on the proposal's submission date, time and address are provided in Clauses 17.7 and 17.9 of the ITC.

Yours sincerely,



Hans Raj Sharma
Managing Director, HPKVN